

**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
APRIL 4, 2002**

ACTION MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG's OFFICE.

The Community, Economic & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles, CA. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dee Hardison, CEHD Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ty Schuiling of SANBAG commented on Item 4.1 saying that the Board of Directors of SANBAG have already taken a formal oppose to SB 1262.

He ended saying that SCAG staff is recommending support despite communicated opposition from the County Transportation Commissions and SANBAG.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (McTaggart) SECONDED (Bruesch) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of March 7, 2002

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Legislative Position Summary

3.2.2 AB 2863 (Longville) Housing Element Reform

3.2.3 AB 1829 (Pacheco) & AB 2896 (Simitan) Housing Elements Requirements

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Senate Bill 1262 (Torlakson) – 10% STIP Incentives

Alfredo Gonzalez, Senior Government Affairs Officer explained SB 1262 stating that it would require that County Transportation Commissions use 10% of their transportation capital funding as fiscal incentives for local governments to promote housing and development patterns with higher densities and greater proximity to jobs, schools and businesses.

He mentioned that SANBAG and RCTC have already opposed this bill and that MTA has signaled their opposition to the bill, however SANDAG in San Diego, MTC in the bay area, Sacramento COG and Fresno COG are not officially in support, but they currently have similar programs like this or are anticipating supporting this bill.

There were different comments among the CEHD members generally stating that the bill is too prescriptive and takes away discretion from SCAG and the County Commissions.

It was MOVED (Perry) SECONDED (Bruesch) and UNANIMOUSLY agreed to take a vote not to accept staff's recommendation of support and recommended that the Regional Council oppose SB 1262. The Committee further requested that the staffs prepare the opposition letter and allow for a review of it by selected CEHD members before its delivery to Senator Torlakson.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Income Equity and Housing Affordability Task Force

Mayor Hardison, CEHD Chair, informed this Committee that the first meeting of the Income Equity and Housing Affordability Task Force would be on Thursday April 11, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

She announced that staff was able to get Professor Dowell Myers from USC to facilitate the Task Force meetings.

The Chair then named the members to the Task Force as follows:

1. Hon. Jo Shields, Imperial County
2. **Vacant, Imperial County**
3. Hon. Betty DeSantis, Los Angeles County
4. Hon. Robert Bruesch, Los Angeles County
5. Hon. Alta Duke, Orange County
6. Hon. Ralph Bauer, Orange County
7. Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside County
8. Hon. Jeff Comerchero, Riverside County
9. **Vacant, San Bernardino County (Judith Valles)**
10. Hon. Deborah Robertson, San Bernardino County
11. Hon. Bedford Pinkard, Ventura County
12. **Vacant, Ventura County**

Alternates

Hon. John McTaggart, Los Angeles County
Hon. Kathryn McCullough, Orange County

5.2 City of Los Angeles Housing Trust Fund

This item will be continued at a future meeting.

53. Regional Economy Website Update

Bruce De Vine, Chief Economic, presented an update on the Regional Economy Website.

The Chair thanked Mr. De Vine saying that the web pages were excellent.

54. Growth Visioning Subcommittee Report

Mayor Perry reported on the highlights of the Growth Visioning Subcommittee meeting held on 3/28/02. The first presentation by Ted Harris, Environmental Staff, focused on the implications of regional growth distribution on water supply and water quality. The Subcommittee members were asked to review the initial alternative growth scenarios outlined in the Hotchkiss report, consider how these patterns potentially affect water supply and water quality in the region, and bring back their ideas to the next meeting to forward the Water Policy Task Force.

The second presentation by Frank Wen, Community Development staff, focused on the impacts of the changing demographics in the region (aging, diversifying, etc.) on long-range transportation planning. The same presentation was to be given to the Transportation Communications Committee (TCC) on 4/4/02.

Lastly, Mayor Perry reported that SCAG staff sent the adopted regional growth principles to stakeholders throughout the region, including experts in the fields of transportation, housing, natural resources, environmental science, academia, development and each city manager/planning director in the SCAG region to solicit feedback on the principles. Responses came from all six counties and from persons representing a variety of agencies and disciplines, including local governments, utility providers, private businesses, environmental advocates, and academic institutions. The vast majority of the respondents strongly agreed with the principles in theory, while the over-riding concern was related to the (lack of) ability for implementation.

6.0 THE CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair reported receiving a letter of resignation from Mayor Judith Valles, the Chair of the Growth Visioning Subcommittee saying she was unable to continue with SCAG in this capacity. The Chair also mentioned that a letter would be sent to Mayor Valles thanking her for her service to SCAG.

7.0 STAFF REPORT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff did not make a report/announcements at this meeting.

8.0 THE VICE-CHAIR REPORT

Mayor Alexander acknowledged Mayor Dee Hardison's service to the CEHD Committee saying that she has truly been inspirational in her dedication to SCAG as an organization. He praised her other accomplishments, first as Chair to CEHD since June 2000, her service as Chair of the South Bay Cities COG, her service to the City of Torrance since 1986 first as a Councilmember and then Mayor.

Staff presented Mayor Hardison with a bouquet of flowers and a standing ovation in appreciation for her hard work and input these past three year.

Jim Gosnell, speaking for the Planning Department staff, added his sincere appreciation for Mayor Hardison's tireless efforts and the amount of time that she spent helping the SCAG organization beyond the Committee meetings.

9.0 COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments at this meeting.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

The Committee did not go into a closed session at this meeting.

Attorney Colin Lennard addressed the Committee on the RHNA and Moreno Valley litigation's saying that these were both in the Riverside Superior Court and they do not have any new news at this time.

He further stated that they had received a decision from the Los Angeles Superior Court on the Oxnard litigation and the court did agree that SCAG did hold a fair and due process hearing. He said that Oxnard still has a right to appeal, but he did not know if this would happen.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11: 56 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dee Hardison, **Chair**
Mayor William Alexander, **Vice Chair**
Councilmember Ralph Bauer
Mayor Robert Bruesch
Councilmember Jeff Comerchero

City of Torrance
SANBAG Subregion
City of Huntington Beach
City of Rosemead
WRCOG Subregion

Councilmember Betty DeSantis
Council
Councilmember Alta E. Duke
Councilmember Henry Harkema
Mayor Ronald Loveridge
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal
Councilmember Shirley McCracken
Mayor Kathryn McCullough
Mayor John McTaggart
Councilmember Bev Perry
Councilmember Marsha Ramos
Mayor George Stettler

Las Virgenes Malibu Conejo

City of La Palma
City of Paramount
City of Riverside
City of Long Beach
OCCOG Subregion
OCCOG Subregion
South Bay Cities COG
City of Brea
Arroyo Verdugo Subregion
CVAG Subregion

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Supervisor Robert (Bob) Buster
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza
Councilmember Bart Doyle
Mayor David Eshleman
Mayor Cristina Cruz Madrid
Councilmember Bedford Pinkard
Councilmember Deborah Robertson
Councilmember M. Jo Shields
Mayor Pro Tem Van T. Tran

County of Riverside
City of Palmdale
City of Sierra Madre
City of Fontana
SGVCOG Subregion
City of Oxnard
SANBAG Subregion
City of Brawley
City of Garden Grove

Signed: _____
Lynn Harris
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